COMMONWEALTHOF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENTOFHOUSINGAND COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENT (DHCD)

HOUSINGCHOICEVOUCHER PROGAM(HCVP) ANNUAL PUBLICHOUSINGPLAN

APRIL16,2002

AnnualPlanforFiscalYear2002

NOTE: THISPHAPLANSTEMPLATE (HUD50075) ISTOBECOMPLETEDIN ACCORDANCE WITHINSTRUCTIONS LOCATEDINAPPLICABLE PIHNOTICES

PHAPlan AgencyIdentification

PHAName: MassachusettsDepartmentofHousingandCommunity
Development(DHCD)
PHANumber: MA901
PHAFiscalYearBeginning:(mm/yyyy) 07/2002
PublicAccesstoInformation
Informationregardinganyactivitiesoutlinedinthisplancanbeobtainedby
contacting:(selectallthatapply)
MainadministrativeofficeofthePHA
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MainadministrativeofficeofthePHA,whichistheCommonwealth'shousing
andcommunitydevelopmentagency.
PHAdevelopmentmanagementoffices
DHCDregionaladmi nisteringagency(RAA)contractoroffices:names,
addresses, phonenumbers, and size of program listed in Attachment No.1
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 ✓ MainadministrativeofficeoftheCountygovernment ✓ MainadministrativeofficeoftheStategovernment(See"Mainadministrative
officeofthePHAabove)
Publiclibrary StateHouseLibrary,Boston,MA
PHAwebsiteat:http://www.state.ma.us/dh cd/
Other(listbelow)
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PHAdevelopmentmanagementoffices
Other(listbelow)

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[24CFRPart903.7]

i. AnnualPlanType:	
SelectwhichtypeofAnnualPlanthePHAwillsubmit.	
☐ StandardPlan	
StreamlinedPlan:	
HighPerformingPHA	
SmallAgency(<250PublicHousingUnits)	
AdministeringSection8Only	
TroubledAgencyPlan	
ii. ExecutiveSummaryoftheAnnualPHAPlan	
[24CFRPart903.79(r)]	
ProvideabriefoverviewoftheinformationintheAnnualPlan,includinghighlightsofmajorinitiatives	
and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.	

1.BEDFORD,MASSACHUSETTSVETERANSADMINISTRATION McKINNEYSECTION8MODERATEREHABILITATIONSINGLEROOM OCCUPANCY(SRO)PROJECT

AtHUD's request, DHCD has agreed to serve as the PHA for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans (NESHV) which received a FY1994McKinney SRO Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation award to develop 60 units of SRO permanent housing on the ground softhe Bedford, MAV eterans Hospital. For various reasons the original site identified in NESHV's FY1994McKinney application did not work out, and many years elapsed before another acceptable site could be located.

Extensiverehabilitationwillberequir edtoconvertthisformerhospitalbuildingto SROunits. It is expected that work will be completed by early 2003. Eligible tenants will be formerly homeless veterans required to have completed a four to six month domiciliary program located at either the Bedford Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Bedford VAMC) or at the NESH Von Court Street in Boston. The veterans will be receiving case management and housing search services through the NESH Vatthe time they are eligible to apply for these SRO units.

This SRO project will provide clean and so be rhousing for the 60 veterans. In -house supports ervices and job readiness training will also be provided to prepare these formerly homeless veterans for economic self -sufficiency and eventual transitioning back into social networks.

2.NEWCOLLABORATIONSWITHAGENCIESPROVIDINGSERVICESTO PERSONSWITHDISABILITIES

DHCDhasalongandsuccessfulhistoryofcollaborationwithitssisterstateagencies andtheirprovidersservingpersonswithdisabilities. Thes ecollaborationshave supported the Commonwealth's goal of providing qualified persons with disabilities with the most integrated community - based setting that is appropriate to meet their specific needs. This is a goal also supported by the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead v. L.C. decision, as well as President George W. Bush's Executive Order "Community Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities." Additionally, the goal helps the Commonweal thomeet the commitment it made to persons with disabili ties and families of disabled persons seeking equal access to community - based living under the American swith Disabilities Act.

Insupportoftheseefforts, this past fiscal year DHCD has entered into two new collaborations with a gencies and providers serving persons with disabilities:

Collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

At the request of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH), as tate agency charged with serving those individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, DHCD has committed up to 125 vouchers for referrals from DMH who are eligible for community - based services. DMH will provide the recipients of these DHCD vouchers with individual supports ervices appropriate to the needs of the recipient, as well as housing search services as needed.

$\underline{Collaboration with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission}$

AttherequestoftheMassachusettsRehabilitationCommission(MRC),astateagency chargedwithprovidingvocationalrehabilitationandindependentlivi ngservicesto personswithdisabilities,DHCDhascommitted20vouchersforreferralsfromthe StatewideHeadInjuryProgram(SHIP)ofMRC.SHIPwillproviderecipientsofthese DHCDvoucherswithindividualsupportservicesappropriatetotheneedsofthe recipient,aswellashousingsearchservicesasneeded.

ThesenewcollaborationshelptostrengthenDHCD's existing network of programs targeted to serving all persons with disabilities. In addition to our program stargeted to disable dopoulations having particular service needs, DHCD is also fortunate to have two robust disability programs for persons with disabilities who either do not require or do not request supportive services. In these cases, these persons can apply to our Mainstream and/or Designated Housing Programs or an application can be completed for our general HCVP waiting list.

The following table describes all of the HCVP programs DHCD has initiated on behalf of persons with disabilities:

lists thenreferrals	ĺ	Mainstream(MS)	HCVP	275 Disab	oledindividu alsorfamiliesonDHCDSection8waiting	
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total		1023		
RaisingtheNextGeneration(RNG)	HCVP	50	Grandparentsraisinggrandchildren.	
VeteransAffairsSupportedHousing Program(VASH)	HCVP	62	Homelessveteranswithsubstanceabuseand/orpsychiatric disabilities.	
StatewideHeadInjuryVoucherProgram	HCVP	20	Individualswhohavesufferedtraumaticbraininjurieswho areclientsoftheMassachusettsRehabilitation Commission'sStatewideHeadInjuryProgram.	
Project-basedAIDS	HCVP	38	IndividualsorfamiliesdisabledbyHIVorwithAIDS,orwho areathighriskforHIVinfectionandwouldbenefitfromHIV relatedcounselingandservices.	
TenantBasedRentalAssistanceforPersons LivingwithAIDS(TBRAAIDS)	HCVP	229	IndividualsorfamiliesdisabledbyHIVorwithAIDS.	
DepartmentofMentalRetardationVoucher Program	HCVP	154	Individualswithmentalretardationanddevelopmental disabilitieswhoseplacementispartofeithertheRollandor Bouletsettlementagreements.Allparticipantsreceive Medicaidwaiver.	reci
DepartmentofMentalHealthVoucher Program	HCVP	125	Individualswithmentalillnes swhoareclientsofthe DeparmentofMentalHealth,whoseplacementisrelatedto apre -litigationsettlement.	
HousingOptionsProgram(HOP)	HCVP	345	Homelessanddisabledfamiliesorindividuals.	Initi
DesignatedHousing(DSG)	HCVP	600	DisabledindividualsondesignatedMHFAwaitinglists,then referrals.	

3.PROPERTYOWNERSINCENTIVEPROGRAM

BuildinguponoursuccessfulJOBL inkPropertyOwnerIncentiveProgramfromFY 01,DHCDhasallocatedfundingfromouradministrativefeeaccounttoenhance leasingopportunitiesforhomelessvoucherholderswhoarecurrentlyplacedinfamily shelters/hotels/motelsthroughtheCommonwealth'sDepartmentofTransitional Assistance(DTA)EmergencyAssistanceProgram.Incentivepaymentsofatleast \$300,withadditionalbonusesforrapidleasing,aremadetopropertyownerswholease availableunitstoeligiblefamiliesholdingHousingChoice Vouchersissuedby DHCD.DHCDhasalsomadethesefundsavailabletotheBostonHousingAuthority (BHA)foritsvoucherholdersinDTAplacements.

4.WAITINGLISTCOLLABORATIONWITHLOCALHOUSING AUTHORITIES

DHCDhasenteredintoapilotprogramwithtwolocalhousingauthoritiestoextend thebenefitsofourstatewidewaitinglisttoapplicantsandPHAsthroughoutthe Commonwealth. Thispilotprogram, locatedon Cape Cod, is a cooperative venture designed to facilitate applicant access to the Section 8 programs run both by DHCD and the local housing authorities. It combines the resources of both the Barnstable and Yarmouthhousing authorities, respectively, with that of DHCD's regional administering agency, the Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC). The goal of this endeavor is to eliminate the need for applicant stoapply to more than one Section 8 waiting list if they want to reside in any community on Barnstable, Dukesor Nantucket counties.

ThispilotprogramdemonstrateshowanumberofPHAscanut ilizeasingleregional DHCDSection8waitinglistratherthanmaintainindividuallists.Listmaintenanceis performedbyDHCD'sregionaladministeringagency(RAA)fortheCapeandIslands, theHousingAssistanceCorporation(HAC),whichaddsnewapplicantstothelist, makesselectionsforallparticipatingPHAs,andupdatesapplicantdatathrough conclusionoftheintakeprocess.Theresultingdatabasebeginstoprovidea comprehensivepictureofadmissionsactivityintheregion,supplyingawealthof informationthatcanbeusedtoinformPHApolicydecisions.

This innovative procedures treamlines the intake process, benefiting both applicant and PHA by eliminating the duplication of effort that results from each PHA maintaining its own waiting list. Demonstration procedures are articulated in a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the participating PHAs.

Inarelatedinitiative, DHCDhasbeenmeeting with representatives of Mass NAHRO and as mall number of local housing authorities that also administer the HCVP in other parts of the Commonweal thousing suthorities that also administer the HCVP in other parts of the Commonweal thouse used by the Commonweal through the software that we developed for our statewide waiting list in order to allow the motion dependently replicate our selection procedures for participating agencies.

5.HOMEOWNERSHIPOPPORTUNTIESFORDHCDHCVPPARTICIPANTS

DHCDiscurrentlyintheplanningstagesofdesigningahomeownershipprogramfora limitednumberofHCVPparticipants.Inalllikelihood,wewillimplementa homeownershipprogramth atwillbelimitedtoFSSparticipantswhohavebeen employedforatleastoneyear.Initially,wemaylimitthisprogramtoonlyasmall numberofregions.Bystartingslowly,wehopetogainvaluableexperiencewecan applystatewidetoallourotherregions.

Ourregional administering agency contractors are currently analyzing the costs associated with providing prospective participants in their region with the array of

supportsthatwillbenecessarytohelpthembesuccessfulintheireffortstobe come successfulhomeowners.DHCDwillrequirethatallparticipantsattendbothafirst timehomebuyerscounselingcourseandapost -purchasecounselingcourse. However, thesecourseswillnotbeadequatewithoutsignificantsupplementalassistancefrom ourhousing providers' staff. Because the homeownership option does not include additionaladministrativefeestocoveralltheexpensesassociatedwiththeverylabor intensivepreliminaryscreeningandpreparingstrongcandidatesinthepre and purchase process phases, DHCD and its contractors are looking to identify funding sourcestocoverthecostsofsuchhomeownershipservices, including but not limited to:1)intensive individualized homeownership counseling;2)supplemental education tocomplementtheinformationprovidedintherequiredpre -andpost -purchase counselingcourses;3)adviceandcounselinginsearchingforahouse;4)assistancein obtainingamortgage;5)assistanceinsuccessfullycompletingtheacquisitionprocess; and6) enhancedinspectioncapacitytoassurethatparticipantsaregettingthebest possiblehousing inspection information from the required homein spection. Additionally, funding will be required to have a vailable staff capacity to provide generalinformationtoparticipantsandotherinterestedpartieswhowanttolearnmore aboutourprogram. We expect to receive a steady stream of inquiries that will require considerablestafftimetoanswer. Weknowjustfromour March 23,2002 Participant AdvisoryBoar dexperiencehowintensivetheinterestisintheprogram. The planned 15minuteoverviewofour "anticipated" homeownershipprogramfor the Board turned intoanearlytwohoursessionofvigorousquestionsandcommentsfromaveryexcited tenantpopulationwhowereanxioustolearnwhattheyhavetodotoqualifyto purchaseahome.

DHCDcontinuestobeactivelyengagedwiththeCitizensHousingandPlanning Association(CHAPA)Homeownershipsubcommittee.Thisgrouphaskeptinclose contactwithFanni eMae,whichisworkingwithlendersandhousingagenciesto establishunderwritingguidelinesforSection8homeownershipprograms.OnApril2, 2002,CitizensBankofMassachusettsbecamethefirstlenderinthestatetoagreeto participateinastatewideinitiativewithFannieMaetargetedtoSection8participants whoareinterestedinpurchasingasinglefamilyhomewhoearnaminimumof \$10,300ayear.Thelackofastatewidemortgageproductuntilnowhasbeenamajor impedimenttoDHCD'simplementa tionofahomeownershipprogram.Withthis recentannouncement,DHCDishopefulthatduringthisupcomingfiscalyearwewill beabletomakehomeownershipopportunitiesavailabletothatsegmentofour populationthatisfinanciallyabletocarryamortgagewiththesupportoftheirvoucher subsidy.Whenthespecificsofourprogramarecomplete,wewillamendourSection 8AdministrativePlanandpostthisinformationonourDHCDwebsite.

"Section8HomeownershipCapacityStatement"

Inaccordancewi ththeFinalRuleontheSection8HomeownershipProgramincluded in24CFR982.625(d),thefollowingtwoprovisionswillbeincludedinDHCD's homeownershipprogramrequirements:

1. DHCD will establish a minimum homeowner down payment requirement of at least 3 percent and require that at least 1 percent of the down payment come from the family's resources.

2.DHCDwillrequirethatthefinancingforthepurchaseofahomeunderitsSection8 homeownershipprogramwillbe:provided,insured,orguarante edbyaFederal governmentagency;complywithsecondarymortgageunderwritingrequirements;or complywithgenerallyacceptedprivatesectorunderwritingstandards.

DISCRETIONARYPOLICIES

1. Adopting 110% Applicable Payment Standard (APS)

AsnotedinDHCD's September, 2000 Five Year Consolidated Plan, themost significant housing and community development problem facing the Common wealth is housing afford a bility for households across a broad range of incomes. In the second half of the 1990's, housing prices in many areas of the state have increased rapidly from their already high levels. Renters, especially those of low or moderate incomes, have faced rapidly increasing rents, which increase their housing cost burden.

WithoutreasonableSection8HousingChoiceVoucherProgrampayment standards, voucherholders will not be able to find and lease affordable rental housing. This difficulty will be compounded by the HUD requirement that caps a voucherparticipant's contribution to their rentandutili tycostsforallinitial leasesat40% of a djusted income. For these reasons, DHCD continues to use its discretionaryauthoritytoincreasetheapplicablepaymentstandardto110% of **FMRinallcities and townseast of and including those in Worce ster county and** inallcommunitiesinwesternMassachusettswherethelocalhousingauthority hasestablisheda 110% standard. We set the standard for all other communities at 100% of FMR. For these communities, on a community -by-communitybasis, DHCDwillincr easethepaymentstandardupto110%shouldnewdatabrought toourattentionindicatethatanincreaseiswarranted.DHCDwillcontinueto monitortheeffectivenessofthisdiscretionarypolicyandmakepaymentstandard adjustmentsifwarranted.DHCDwillalsocontinuetoseekhigherpayment standardsabove110%ofFMRincommunitieswhereourdatacansupportsuch requests.

2. <u>Grantingsearchtimeextensionsupto180daysandbeyondforreasonable accommodationandothergoodcause.</u>

As noted in the discussion on payments tandards above, and consistent with DHCD's Consolidated Plan, for the pasts everaly ears, the rental housing market in many communities in Massachusetts has been very un favorable for households seeking an apartment with a Section 8 voucher. Escalating rents and utility costs have made it difficult for many voucher holders to find a rental unit that is both affordable and meets the requirements of the Section 8 program within the standard 120 days allowed.

Forthisreason,DHCDha selectedtouseitsdiscretionaryauthoritytoextendthe amountoftimeavoucherholderisprovidedtofindaSection8eligible apartmentupto180days.Anyvoucherholdercanreceiveadditionaltimeupto 180daysbymakingaphonerequestorsubmittingawrittenrequestforasixty dayextensionbeyondtheinitial120days.Nodocumentationwillberequired, butforadministrativereasons,itisimportantthatarequestforthisadditional timebemadeandnotedinthevoucherholder'sfile.Durin gaphonerequestfor anextension,avoucherholder'sprogramrepresentativecanprovideguidance andsuggestionsforcontinuingahousingsearch.DHCDwillalsoextendthe searchtimebeyond180daysfordocumentedreasonableaccommodationand othergoodcauses.Wewillcloselymonitortheseexceptionalextensionstoensure thatwecontinuetohavethebudgetauthoritytosupportleasingthatmayoccur aftersuchalongperiodofhousingsearch.

3. <u>Continuationofformerfederalpreferences,inorder</u> totargetthosewiththe mostseverehousingneed.

Despitetherelativestrengthofthestate's economy and the extensive network of governmenthousing programs in the Common wealth, homeless ness remains a problem in Massachusetts. The number of homeless families and individuals continues to increase. Shelters have been filled to capacity, despite an increase in the number of availables helter beds. The average length of stays in shelters has also increased. Many working households are homeless or a triple skofthomeless ness because low wages cannot support the prevailing rents in many parts of the state.

For these reasons, DHCD has continued to use its discretionary authority to utilize the former federal preferences in order to assure that those with the greatest housing need, especially the homeless and those with a severe rent burden, (including from this population, persons with disabilities) are the primary beneficiaries of DHCD's Section 8 portfolio.

However, each year DHCDre -evaluates how it defi neseligibility for a federal preference. In the draft annual PHAP lanthat was made available before our public hearing, DHCD posed the following questions for comment: 1) Should

DHCDexpandthedefinition of who is eligible for a DHCD voucher under these preferences? For example, persons who are living in a doubled overcrowdedsituationarecurrentlynoteligiblebecausethevarenotconsidered homeless orrent burdened. 2) Should DHCD adjust the rent burden standard?The current standard fore ligibility requires an applicant to be paying more than 50% of adjusted income for at least three months. Should this standard be lowered?Byhowmuch?Forhowlongshouldsomeonehavetoevidencearent burdenstatustobeeligible?3)ShouldDHCDconsidermodifyingitspreference eligibilitystandardsforpersonswithdisabilities?Forexample,disabledpersons residingwiththeirfamilywhowouldliketoliveintheirownapartmentarenot consideredeitherhomelessorrentburdened.andthereforear enoteligiblefor preferenceconsideration.4)ShouldDHCDmakeapercentageofnon -federal preferenceselectionstoassistotherextremelylowincomehouseholdswhoarenot abletocompeteforaDHCDvoucher?PriortoDHCD'sconversiontoa statewidewaitinglistin2000,DHCDutilizedtheformerfederalselection requirementofallowingoneoutofevery10selectionstobemadefora"non federalpreference"eligibleapplicant.Whatimpactwoulda1outof2federal preferenceselectionstandard(o rotherratio)haveonthehomelesspopulation versusthebenefittohouseholdsmakingbetween0 -30% of a reamedian income?

DHCDencourageditsvariousconstituenciestocommentontheseandother relatedissueseitherinwritingoratitsApril8,2002annualPHAPlanpublic hearing.DHCDdidreceiveseveralverbalandwrittencommentsandhas establishedasmallworkinggroupmadeupofDHCDandregionalagencystaff andrepresentativesfromthehomelessadvocacycommunitytoreviewthese commentsand makerecommendations.Asisthecasewithallchanges,ifany preferencechangesresultfromDHCD'sreviewofthepreferencestheywillbe includedinamodificationtoDHCD'sAdministrativePlanandwillbepostedon DHCD'swebsite.Notificationwillalsobesenttoallpersonswhoattendedthe publichearing.

iii. AnnualPlanTableofContents [24CFRPart903.79(r)]

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${\bf Supporting Documents Available for Review}$

Indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the ``Applicable & On Display'' column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

Attachment No. 4: List of Participant Advisory Board attendees

	ListofSupportingDocumentsAvailableforRo	eview
Applicable & OnDisplay	SupportingDocu ment	ApplicablePlan Component
X	PHAPlanCertificationsofCompliancewiththePHAPlans andRelatedRegulations	5YearandAnnualPlans
X	State/LocalGovernmentCertificationofConsistencywith theConsolidatedPlan	5YearandAnnualPlans
X	FairHousingDocumentation: RecordsreflectingthatthePHAhasexamineditsprograms orproposedprograms,identifiedanyimpedimentstofair housingchoiceinthoseprograms,addressedoris addressingthoseimpedimentsinareasonablefashioninview ofth eresourcesavailable,andworkedorisworkingwith localjurisdictionstoimplementanyofthejurisdictions' initiativestoaffirmativelyfurtherfairhousingthatrequire thePHA'sinvolvement.	5YearandAnnualPlans
X	ConsolidatedPlanforthejurisdiction/sinwhichthePHAis located(whichincludestheAnalysisofImpedimentstoFair HousingChoice(AI)))andanyadditionalbackupdatato supportstatementofhousingneedsinthejurisdiction Mostrecentboard -approvedoperatingbudgetforthepublic	AnnualPlan: HousingNeeds AnnualPlan:
	housingprogram	FinancialResources;
	PublicHousingAdmissionsand(Continued)Occupancy Policy(A&O),whichincludestheTenantSelectionand	AnnualPlan:Eligibility, Selection,andAdmissions

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OnDisplay	AssignmentPlan[TSAP]	Policies
X	Section8AdministrativePlan: DHCD'sAdministrative PlandatedApril16,2002ispostedonDHCD'swebsite. Theaddressis: http://www.state.ma.us/dhcd/ .	AnnualPlan:Eligibility, Selection,andAdmissions Policies
	PublicHousingDeconcentrationandIncomeMixing Documentation: 1. PHAboardcertificationsofcompliancewith deconcentrationrequirements(section16(a)oftheUS HousingActof1937,asimplementedinthe2/18/ 99 QualityHousingandWorkResponsibilityActInitial Guidance;Notice andanyfurtherHUDguidance)and 2. Documentationoftherequireddeconcentrationand incomemixinganalysis	AnnualPlan:Eligibility, Selection,andAdmissions Policies
	Publichousingrentdeterminationpolicies,includin gthe methodologyforsettingpublichousingflatrents checkhereifincludedinthepublichousing A&OPolicy	AnnualPlan:Rent Determination
	Scheduleofflatrentsofferedateachpublichousing development checkhereifincludedinthepublichousing A&OPolicy	AnnualPlan:Rent Determination
X	Section8rentdetermination(paymentstandard)policies CheckhereifincludedinSection8 AdministrativePlan	AnnualPlan:Rent Determination
	Publichousingmanagementandmaintenancepolicy documents,includingpoliciesforthepreventionor eradicationofpestinfestation(includingcockroach infestation)	AnnualPlan:Operations andMaintenance
	Publichousinggrievanceprocedures checkhereifincludedinthepublichousing A&OPolicy	AnnualPlan:Grievance Procedures
X	Section8informalreviewandhearingprocedures CheckhereifincludedinSection8 AdministrativePlan	AnnualPlan:Grievance Procedures
	TheHUD -approvedCapitalFund/ComprehensiveGrant ProgramAnnualStatement(HUD52837)fortheactivegrant year	AnnualPlan:CapitalNeeds
	MostrecentCIAPBudget/ProgressReport(HUD52825)for anyactiveCIAPgrant	AnnualPlan:CapitalNeeds
	Mostrecent,approved5YearActionPlanfortheCapital Fund/ComprehensiveGrantProgram,ifnotincludedasan attachment(providedatPHAoption)	AnnualPlan:CapitalNeeds
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	Approvedorsubmittedapplicationsfordemolitionand/or	AnnualPlan:Demolition

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	Approvedorsubmittedapplicationsfordesignationofpublic housing(DesignatedHousingPlans)	AnnualPlan:Designationof PublicHousing
	Approvedorsubmittedassessmentsofreasonable revitalizationofpublichousingandapprovedorsubmitted conversionplanspreparedpursuanttosection202ofthe 1996HUDAppropriationsAct	AnnualPlan:Conversionof PublicHousing
	Approvedorsubmittedpublichousinghomeownership programs/plans	AnnualPlan: Homeownership
	PoliciesgoverninganySection8Homeownershipprogram	AnnualPlan: Homeownership
X	AnycooperativeagreementbetweenthePHAandtheTANF agency	AnnualPlan:Community Service&Self -Sufficiency
X	FSS ActionPlan/sforpublichousingand/orSection8	AnnualPlan:Community Service&Self -Sufficiency
	Mostrecentself -sufficiency(ED/SS,TOPorROSSorother residentservicesgrant)grantprogramreports	AnnualPlan:Community Service&Self -Sufficiency
	ThemostrecentPublicHousingDrugEliminationProgram (PHEDEP)semi -annualperformancereportforanyopen grantandmostrecentlysubmittedPHDEPapplication	AnnualPlan:Safetyand CrimePrevention
X	ThemostrecentfiscalyearauditofthePH Aconducted undersection5(h)(2)oftheU.S.HousingActof1937(42U. S.C.1437c(h)),theresultsofthatauditandthePHA's responsetoanyfindings.	AnnualPlan:AnnualAudit
	DHCD'sauditispartoftheCommonwealth'saudit undertheSingleAuditAct.Itispostedonthe Commowealth'swebsiteasfollows:	
	http:ww//state.ma.us/osc GotoFinancialReportingandAudit	
	GototheSingleAudit TroubledBHAc:MOA/RecoveryPlan	TroubledPHAs
	TroubledPHAs:MOA/RecoveryPlan Othersupportingdocuments(optional) (listindividual ly;useasmanylinesasnecessary)	(specifyasneeded)

1.StatementofHousingNeeds

[24CFRPart903.79(a)]

A.HousingNeedsofFamiliesintheJurisdiction/sServedbythePHA

Base dupon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the juris diction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the juris diction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

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HousingNeedsofFamiliesintheJurisdiction							
		byF	<u>amilyTy</u>				
FamilyType	Overall	A f f o r d - a b il it y	Supp ly	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loc a- tion
Income<=30% of AMI	227,047	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Income>30%but <=50%ofAMI	127,542	5	"	44	"	"	"
Income>50%but <80%ofAMI	144,431	3	"	44	"	66	"
Elderly0 -50%	142,698	5	"	"	"	"	"
Familieswith Disabilities	19,552 Individuals; 3,962 Familieswith Children	5		دد		66	
Race/Ethnicity WhiteNon - Hispanic0 -50%	268,856	N A	44		"		"
Race/Ethnicity	32,101	N	"	"	"	"	"

	HousingNe	eedsofFa	miliesin	theJurisdic	ction		
	C		amilyTy				
FamilyType	Overall	A f f o r d - a b il it y	Supp ly	Quality	Access-ibility	Size	Loc a- tion
BlackNon - Hispanic0 -50%		A					
Race/Ethnicity Hispanic0 -50%	39,084	N A		"	"		66
Race/Ethnicity							

WhatsourcesofinformationdidthePHAusetoc onductthisanalysis?(Checkallthat apply;allmaterialsmustbemadeavailableforpublicinspection.)

ConsolidatedPlanoftheJurisdiction/s Indicateyear

 $The Housing Needs data presented above was taken from the 1993 CHAS \\ Housing Needs Data Table 1(C) based on 1990 Census data. This data is used in the Commonwealth's September 2000 Five Year Consolidated Plan. Data for "Families with Disabilities" was taken from the Massachusetts Continuum of Care: Gaps Analysis June 1999.$

DHCD'sFiveYearConsolidatedPlanpostedonourwebsiteat: (http://www.state.ma.us/dhcd/)

U.S.Censusdata:theComprehensiveHousingAffordabilityStrategy
("CHAS")dataset
AmericanHousingSurveydata
Indicateyear:
Otherhousingmarketstudy
Indicateyear:
Othersources:(listandindicateyearofinformation)

B. HousingNeedsofFamiliesonthePublicHousingandSection8 Tenant-BasedAssistanceWaitingLists

StatethehousingneedsofthefamiliesonthePHA'swaitinglist/s .Completeonetableforeachtype ofPHA -widewaitinglistadministeredbythePHA. PHAsmayprovideseparatetablesforsite -basedorsub -jurisdictionalpublichousingwaitinglistsattheiroption.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
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Pub licHousing	SandPublicHousing Site -Basedorsub -jury whichdevelopment/sub	bjurisdiction:	
	#offamilies	%oftotalfamilies	AnnualTurnover
Waitinglisttotal	47,539asof3.12.02		N/A
Extremelylow income<=30% AMI	39,245	83%	
Verylowincome (>30%but<=50% AMI)	6644	14%	
Lowincome (>50% but<80% AMI)	772	2%	
Families with children	34,015Thisnumber represents householdswith morethanone member	72%	
Elderlyfamilies	1935	4%	
Families with Disabilities	12,595	27%	
Race/ethnicity1	20,156White	42%	
Race/ethnicity2	12,640Black/ AfricanAmerican	27%	
Race/ethnicity3	611American Indian/Alaskan	1%	

	HousingNeedsofFam	iliesontheWaitingL	ist
	Native		
Race/ethnicity4	1776Asianor	4%	
	PacificIslander		
Race/Ethnicity5	1777Native	4%	
	Hawaiian/Other		
	PacificIslanders		
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	omelimitseffective 1/3		
Isthewaitinglistclos Ifyes:	ed(selectone)? \square N	No LLYes	
•	sitbeenclosed(#ofmontl	hs)?	
DoesthePHA	Aexpecttoreopenthelist	inthePHAPlanyear?	□No □Yes
	Apermitspecificcategor sed? No Yes		waitinglist,evenif

HousingNeedsofFamiliesontheWaitingList		
Provide jurisdic	ategyforAd dressingNeeds eabriefdescriptionofthePHA'sstrategyforaddressingthehousingneedsoffamiliesinthe etionandonthewaitinglist INTHEUPCOMINGYEAR ,andtheAgency'sreasonsfor ngthisstrategy.	
	ategies Shortageofaffordablehousingforalleligiblepopulations	
itscur	egy1.MaximizethenumberofaffordableunitsavailabletothePHAwithin rentresourcesby:	
	Employeffectivemaintenanceandmanagementpoli ciestominimizethe numberofpublichousingunitsoff -line	
	Reduceturnovertimeforvacatedpublichousingunits	
	Reducetimetorenovatepublichousingunits	
Ш	Seekreplacementofpublichousingunitslosttotheinventorythroughmixed financedevelopment	
	Seekreplacementofpublichousingunitslosttotheinventorythroughsection	
\bowtie	8replacementhousingresources Maintainorincreasesection8lease -upratesbyest ablishingpaymentstandards	
	Maintainorincreasesection8lease -upratesbyest ablishingpaymentstandards thatwillenablefamiliestorentthroughoutthejurisdiction	
\boxtimes	Undertakemeasurestoensureaccesstoaffordablehousingamongfamilies	
\boxtimes	assistedbythePHA,regardlessofunitsizerequired Maintainorincreasesection8lease -upratesbymarketingtheprogramto	
	owners,particularlythoseoutsideofareasofminorityandpoverty concentration	
	Maintainorincreasesection8lease -upratesbyeffectivelyscreeningSection8	
\square	applicantstoincreaseowneracceptanceofprogram . ParticipateintheConsolidatedPlandevelopmentprocesstoensure	
	coordinationwithbroadercommunitystrategies	
	Other(listbelow)	
	egy2:Increasethenumberofaffordablehousingunitsby:	
	Applyforadditionalsection8unitsshouldtheybecomeavailable Leverageaffordablehousingresourcesinthecommunitythroughthecreation ofmixed -financehousing .	

AsnotedinDHCD'sFY2001AnnualPHAPlan,DHCDhasmadeavailableat least900vouchersforvariousproject -basedinitiativesincluding:1)500 existing"PBAvouchers,where75%ofallawardswillbemadetoproposalswith 2+bedrooms;2)100singlepersonoccupancy"existing"PBAvouchers;3)100 PBAvoucherstiedtoDHCD'swinterandsummerOneStopAffordableHousing Fundingrounds;4)100PBAvoucherstiedtotheCommonwealth'sMcKinney application;and5)100PBAvoucherstiedtotheCommonw ealth'sAffordable HousingTrustFund.Allinitiativesarepresentlyon -going.			
	PursuehousingresourcesotherthanpublichousingorSection8tenant -based assistance.		
DHCDadministersavarietyofotherfederalandstatehousingand Communitydevelopmentprograms,includingtheHOME,CDBG,and McKinneyprograms.Acompletelistoffederalprogramsadministeredby DHCDisincludedasAttachmentNo.3.			
	Other:(listbelow)		
Need:	SpecificFamilyTypes:Families atorbelow30%ofmedian		
	gy1:Targetavailableassistancetofamiliesatorbelow30%ofAMI Ithatapply		
	ExceedHUDfederaltargetingrequirementsforfamiliesatorbelow30% of AMIinpublichousing ExceedHUDfederaltargetingrequirementsforfamiliesatorbelow30% of AMIintenant -basedsection8assistance BecauseDHCDcontinuesto utilizetheformerHUDpreferences,weexpecttoexceedthe30% AMI targetingrequirementinFY2002. Employadmissionspreferencesaimedatfamilieswitheconomichardships.		
	Adoptrentpoliciestosupportandencouragework.		
Need:	Other:(listbelow) SpecificFamilyTypes:Familiesatorbelow50%ofmedian		
	gy1:Targetavailableassistanceto familiesatorbelow50%ofAMI Ithatapply		
	Employadmissionspreferencesaimedatfamilieswhoareworking Adoptrentpoliciestosupportandencouragework		

	Other:(listbelow)
Need	:SpecificFamilyTypes:TheElderly
	egy1: Targetavailableassistancetotheelderly:
	Seekdesignationofpublichousingfortheelderly Applyforspecial -purposevoucherstargetedtotheelderly, should they become available
	Other:(listbelow)
Need	:SpecificFamilyTypes:FamilieswithDisabilities
	egy1: TargetavailableassistancetoFamilieswithDisabilities:
	Seekdesignationofpublichousingforfamilieswithdisabilities Carryoutthemodificationsneededinpublichousingbasedonthesection504 NeedsAssessmentforPublicHousing Applyforspecial -purposevoucherstargetedtofamilieswithdisabilities, shouldtheybecomeavailable SeeSection2oftheExecutiveSummaryfor atableofAllSection8Programstargetedspecificallytopersonswith disabilities. Affirmativelymarkettolocalnon -profitagenciesthatassistfamilieswith disabilities Other:(listbelow) SpecificFamilyTypes:Racesorethnicitieswithdisproportionatehousing
	egy1:IncreaseawarenessofPHAresourcesamongfamiliesofracesand ethnicitieswithdisproportionateneeds: fapplicable
	Affirmativelymarkettoraces/ethnicitiesshowntohavedisproportionate housingneeds Other:(listbelow)
	egy2: Conductactivitiestoaffirmativelyfurtherfairhousing
	Counselsection8tenantsastolocationofunitsoutsideofareasofpovertyor minorityconcentrationandassistthemtolocatethoseunits

	Marketthesection8programtoownersoutsideofareasofpoverty/minority concentrations Other:(listbelow)
itsgrea Housi includ cityoff concer	O'sACChasbeenincreased\$160,000forthespecificpurposeofproviding aterBostonarearegionaladministe ringagency,theMetropolitanBoston ingPartnership(MBHP,)withfundstoprovidemobilitycounseling, linghousingsearchandservices,forminorityhouseholdsresidinginthe Bostonwhoelecttomovetoareasthathavelowracialandethnic intrations. Thesefundshavebeenmadeavailableinconnectionwiththe CPlitigation,generallyreferredtoastheSkinnerConsentDecree.
Other	HousingNeeds&Strategies:(listneedsandstrategiesbelow)
Ofthef	asonsforSelectingStra tegies factorslistedbelow,selectallthatinfluencedthePHA'sselectionofthe giesitwillpursue:
	Fundingconstraints
	Staffingconstraints Limitedavailabilityofsitesforassistedhousing
H	Extenttowhichparticularhousingneedsaremetbyotherorganizationsinthe
	community
\boxtimes	Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Planand other
	informationavailabletothePHA
\bowtie	InfluenceofthehousingmarketonPHAprograms Communityprioritiesregardinghousingassistance
	Resultsofconsultationwithlocalorstategovernment
	ResultsofconsultationwithDHCD'sSection8RAAs
\square	Resultsofconsultationwithadvocacygroups
\boxtimes	Other:(listbelow)
agenci Comn receip	O'sSection8strategiesareinfluencedbyitsrelationshipwiththosestate iesthatserveSection8eligiblehouseholds.DHCDworksc loselywiththe nonwealth'shumanservicedepartments,itsTANFagencyandwiththe tof2000welfare -to-workvouchers(ourJOBLinkprogram)in2000,has lnewrelationshipswiththestate'sworkforcedevelopmentagencies. These

AstheCommonwealth'schiefhousingagency,DHCDw illcontinuetouseits Section8portfoliotoassisttheCommonwealth'sneediesthouseholds,including thehomelessandthedisabled.TheCommonwealthalsobelievesthatithasan obligationtouseitsSection8resourcestosupportfamiliesmakingthetransition

staterelationshipscomplementDHCD's extensive relationship with numerous others takeholders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, most especially

those in the homeless and disability advocacy communities.

towork. Many otherwise eligible households may not have an opportunity to easily compete for these resources at local agencies administering the voucher program, especially where a local residency preference is utilized.

2. StatementofFinanc ialResources

[24CFRPart903.79(b)]

ListthefinancialresourcesthatareanticipatedtobeavailabletothePHAforthesupportofFederal publichousingandtenant -basedSection8assistanceprogramsadministeredbythePHAduringthePlan year.Note:thetableassumesthatFederalpublichousingortenantbasedSection8assistancegrant fundsareexpendedoneligiblepurposes;therefore,usesofthesefundsneednotbestated.Forother funds,indicatetheuseforthosefundsasoneofthefollo wingcategories:publichousingoperations, publichousingcapitalimprovements,publichousingsafety/security,publichousingsupportiveservices, Section8tenant -basedassistance,Section8supportiveservicesorother.

FinancialResources:			
PlannedSourcesandUses			
Sources	Planned\$	PlannedUses	
1. FederalGrants(FY2000grants)			
a) PublicHousingOperatingFund			
b) PublicHousingCapitalFund			
c) HOPEVIRevitalization			
d) HOPEVIDemolition			
e) AnnualContributionsforSection 8Tenant -BasedAss istance	\$135,000,000		
f) PublicHousingDrugElimination Program(includinganyTechnical Assistancefunds)			
g) ResidentOpportunityandSelf - SufficiencyGrants			
h) CommunityDevelopmentBlock Grant			
i) HOME			
OtherFederalGrants(listbelow)			
2.PriorYearFederalGrants (unobligatedfundsonly)(list below)			
3.PublicHousingDwellingRental Income			

FinancialResources: PlannedSourcesandUses		
Sources	Planned\$	PlannedUses
4.Otherincome (listbelow)	·	
4.Non -federalsources (listbel	ow)	
T-4-1	¢125 000 000	
Totalresources	\$135,000,000	
	publichousingarenotrequiredtocomp	•
B.Section8 Exemptions: PHAsthatdonotadministers Unlessotherwisespecified, all question	section8arenotrequiredtocompletesu sinthissectionapplyonlytothetenar	b -component3B. nt -basedsection8
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DHCD performs a Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) check on each applicant selected for the program and all newhousehold members 18 years and older.
d. Yes No:DoesthePHAaccessFBIcriminalrecords fromtheFBIfor screeningpurposes?(eitherdirectlyorthroughanNCIC - authorizedsource)
e.Indicatewhatkindsofinformationyousharewithprospectivelandlords?(selectall thatapply) Criminalordrug -relatedactivity Other(describebelow)
Asrequiredbyregulation, DHCD will provide a nowner with the names of the tenant's current and former landlords, if known, and if requested by a nowner. (2) Waiting List Organization
a.Withwhichofthefollowingp rogramwaitinglistsisthesection8tenant -based assistancewaitinglistmerged?(selectallthatapply) None Federalpublichousing Federalmoderaterehabilitation Federalproject -basedcertificateprogram Otherfederalorlocalprogram(listbelow)
b.Wheremayinterestedpersonsapplyforadmissiontosection8tenant -based assistance?(selectallthatapply) PHAmainadministrativeoffice Other(listbelow).
DHCD, through its eight regional administering agencies (Attachment No.1), accepts applications on an -going basis. Applications can be obtained at each regional agency, at DHCD's offices, or by telephone. They are also available on DHCD's web-site, at shelters, community-based organizations, and other similar agencies. Only one application will be necessary to be placed on the waiting list. The waiting list will not accept duplicate application. Application scan be mailed to any DHCD regional contractor at any time.
a. ⊠Yes ☐No:DoesthePHAgiveextensionsonstandard60 -dayperiodto searchforaunit?
Ifyes,statecircumstancesbelow:

Allapplicants and participants will receive an automatic 60 day extension up to 120 days. No requestor documentation is necessary. Allapplicants can receive an additional 60 day extension up to 180 days, if they provide a written requestor make a phone call to their program representative. Applicants will be provided with an indefinite extension beyond 180 days for a reasonable accommodation or other good cause, with appropriate documentation.

(4)AdmissionsPreferences
a.Incometargeting
Yes No:DoesthePHAplantoexceedthefederaltargetingrequirementsby targetingmorethan75% of all newadmissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income? Although wedon't specifically targetours elections in this way, we still expect to exceed this requirement because we continue to utilize the former federal preferences.
b.Preferences 1. Yes No:HasthePHAestablishedpreferencesforadmissiontosection8 tenant-basedassistance?(otherthandateandtimeof application)(ifno,skiptosubcomponent section8assistanceprograms) (5)Specialpurpose
2. Whichofthefollowing admission preferences does the PHA plantoemployin the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)
FormerFederalpreferences ☐ InvoluntaryDisplacement(Disaster,GovernmentAction,ActionofHousing Owner,Inaccessibility,PropertyDisposition) ☐ Victimsofdomesticviolence
Otherpreferences(selectallthatapply) Workingfamiliesandthoseunabletoworkbecauseofageordisability Veteransandveterans'families Residentswholiveand/orworkinyourjurisdiction: Regionalresidencyonly notalocalresidencypreference.
Thoseenrolledcurrentlyineducational,training,orupwardmobilityprograms

Householdsthatcontributeton	neetingincomegoals(broadrangeofincomes)
Householdsthatcontributeto	meetingincomerequirements(targeting)
Thosepreviouslyenrolledined	ucational,training,orupwardmobility
programs	
✓Victimsofreprisalsorhatecrimes:	AspartofInvoluntaryDisplacement
Otherpreference(s)(listbelow)	

Automaticpreferenceisprovidedto: (1) Section8 Mod Rehabtenants who are eligible for continued subsidy and must (a) move through no fault of their own, or, (b) have been in occupancy for at least one year and have successfull y completed all the requirements of an individual service planand desire to move; (2) Persons being assisted under DHCD's Witness/Victim protection provisions; (3) Formerly preference eligible families presently receiving assistance under a McKinney Shelter Plus Care Program, provided they have complied with all of the requirements of their Shelter Plus Care subsidy and have been unable to secure other long term rental assistance during the term of their temporary subsidy; (4) Transfers from other DHCD age ncies and other public housing agencies.

ForcertainofDHCD'sspecialset -asideprogramstargetedtopersonswith disabilities(seetableinSection2oftheExecutiveSummary,page3),DHCD providespreferencetoclientsoftheCommonwealth'sDepartmentofMental Health(DMH/125vouchers),DepartmentofMentalRetardation(DMR/125 vouchers),theStatewideHeadInjuryProgram(20vouchers),personswithAIDS andHIVdisease(theTBRAAIDSprogram(229vouchers),theProject -based AIDSprogram(38vouchers) andgrandparentsraisinggrandchildreninthe RaisingtheNextGenerationprogram(50vouchers).Withtheexceptionofthe DMHandDMRset -asides,allhouseholdsselectedfortheseset -asidesmustalso meetDHCD'sfederalpreferencerequirements.

3.IfthePHAwillemployadmissionspreferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the spacethat represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (e ither through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

FormerFederalpreferences

- InvoluntaryDisplacement(Disaster,GovernmentAction,ActionofHousing Owner,Inaccessibility,PropertyDisposition)
- **1** Victimsofdomesticviolence.

Preferencesabove.

- 1 Substandardhousing
- 1 Homelessness

1	Highrentburden
	workingfamiliesand thoseinjob -trainingprogramsabouttoenterthe orceforJOBLinkvouchersonly. Veteransandveterans'families Residentswholiveand/orworkinyourjurisdiction
	Doneasaregionalresidencypreferenceforapercentageofeach contractor'sportfolio.SeeAttachmentNo.1forthesenumbers.Anyfair sharevouchersreceivedbyDHCDafterJanuary1,2000aredistributed withoutregardtoregionalresidencypreference.Applicantsares elected inchronologicalorderfromthetopofthestatewidewaitinglist.
	Thoseenrolledcurrentlyineducational,training,orupwardmobilityprograms Householdsthatcontributetomeetingincomegoals(broadrangeofincomes) Householdsthatcontributetomeetingincomerequirements(targeting) Thosepreviouslyenrolledineducational,training,orupwardmobility programs Victimsofreprisalsorhatecrimes Otherpreference(s)(listbelow) SeeAutomaticPreferenceAbove
арр 	Ingapplicantsonthewaitinglistwithequalpreferencestatus,howare plicantsselected?(selectone) Dateandtimeofapplicationseebelow Drawing(lottery)orotherrandomchoicetechnique rywasestablishedforapplicantswhoappliedduringthefirsttwoweeks
thatDl	HCDopen editsstatewidewaitinglistonMarch27,2000.Afterthatdate, sequentapplicantsareselectedbydateandtimeofapplicationreceived.
	PHAplanstoemploypreferencesfor"residentswholiveand/orworkinthe sdiction"(selectone) ThispreferencehaspreviouslybeenreviewedandapprovedbyHUD.
	The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHAP langest approval for this preference through this PHAP langest approval for the perfect of the preference through the
6.Relat	tionshipofpreferencestoincometargetingrequirements:(select one) ThePHAappliespreferenceswithinincometiers Notapplicable:thepoolofapplicantfamiliesensuresthatthePHAwillmeet incometargetingrequirements

(5)SpecialPurposeSection8AssistancePrograms

 a.Inwhichdocumentsorotherreferencematerialsarethepoliciesgoverning eligibility,selection,andadmissionstoanyspecial -purposesection8program administeredbythePHAcontained?(selectallthatapply) TheSection8Administr ativePlan Briefingsessionsandwrittenmaterials Other(listbelow)
DHCD'sSection8AdministrativePlandescribesindetailthespecificsofeach programs'requirements.Severaloftheseprogramsaretheresultof Congressionalappropriationsfortargetedpopulations:theVeteransAffairs SupportedHousingProgram(VASH),theHousingOptionsProgram(HOP), theMainstreamProgram,theDesignatedHousingProgram,theFamily UnificationProgram,certainFY2000fairs harevouchersforclientsofthe MassachusettsDepartmentofMentalRetardation(DMR)whohaveHome andCommunityBasedMedicaidwaivers;theJOBLinkwelfare -to-work programandthedemonstrationMovingtoWorkProgram.OtherDHCD specialprogramsaretheresultofaDHCDdeterminationtoset -asidea percentageofitsvoucherportfolioforspecialpopulationswhohavea compellinghousingneed.SeeSection2oftheExecutiveSummary(page3) foradescriptionofeachprogram.
 b. HowdoesthePHAannounce theavailabilityofanyspecial -purposesection8 programstothepublic? Throughpublishednotices Other(listbelow)
Throughtargetedoutreachtoavarietyofpublicandprivateorganizationswho servepotentiallyeligibleapplicants, suchas various Commonwealthhuman servicecommissions, disabilityagencies, homeless shelters, advocacy groups, CAP agencies, and work forcetraining and employment programs. 4.PHARent Determination Policies
[24CFRPart903.79(d)] A.PublicHousing Exemptions: PHAsthatdonotadministerpublichousingarenotrequiredtocompletesub -component
4A. B.Section8Tenant -BasedAssistance
Exemptions: PHAsthatdonotadminister Section 8 tenant - based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

(1)PaymentStandards

Describethevoucherpaymentstandardsandpolicies .
- Wile which - DUIA?
a. Whatisthe PHA's payments tandard? (select the category that best describes your standard)
Atorabove90% butbelow100% ofFMR
100% of FMR, for all communities in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and
$Berk shire counties, unless as pecific need for a higher standard is documented in {\tt the continuous} and {\tt the$
aparticular community or the local housing authority has adopted a higher
standard
Above 100% but at or below 110% of F MR 110% for all communities east
ofandincludingthoseinWorcesterCounty △ Above110%ofFMR(ifHUDapproved;describecircumstancesbelow)For
thosecommunities that have received HUD -approved exception rents that exceed
110% of FMRincluding 61 communities for which HUD approved a median
rentbasedexceptioninNovember2000andasuccessratepaymentstandardfor
theCityofBostoninDecember2000, wheretheseHUD -approvedrents are
higherthanthemostrecentlypublished(October1 ,2001)FMRs.
b.IfthepaymentstandardislowerthanFMR, whyhasthePHA selected this
standard?(selectallthatapply)
FMRsareadequatetoensuresuccessamongassistedfamiliesinthePHA's
segmentoftheFMRarea ThePHAhaschosentoserveadditionalfamiliesbyloweringthepayment
standard
Reflectsmarketorsubmarket
Other(listbelow)
c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level?
(selectallthatapply)
FMRsarenotadequatetoensuresuccessamongassistedfamiliesinthePHA's
segmentoftheFMRarea Profile at the result of a relation to the result of the result o
Reflectsmarketorsubmarket Toincreasehousingoptionsforfamilies
Other(listbelow)
Other(histoclow)
Toenhanceemploymentoptionsforclients;tohelpclientslocatehousinginareas
outsideofhighconcentrationsofpovertyandminoritypopulations;toenhance choiceofschoolsandothercommunityoptions,asdesiredbypar ticipants.
d.Howoftenarepaymentstandardsreevaluatedforadequacy?(selectone)
Annually
Other(listbelow)

DHCD has notestablished a settime for reevaluating the adequacy of the payment standards. Rather, because of the Commonwealth's generally expensive rental housing market, especially in the eastern parts of the state, we urge our regional contractors to submit compelling data, at any time, to make the case to HUD that the standards for a particular commun it yare in sufficient. When the 2000 census data is released, DHCD will immediately use this data to determine if automatic FMR increases via the median rent method are warranted and will initiate this request with HUD. Using 1990 census data, we were successful in obtaining median rent based FMR increases in 61 communities in calendary ear 2000.

e.WhatfactorswillthePHAconsiderinitsassessmentoftheadequacyofitspayment standard?(selectallthatapply) Successratesofass istedfamilies Rentburdensofassistedfamilies Other(listbelow)
(2)MinimumRent
a.WhatamountbestreflectsthePHA'sminimumrent?(selectone) \$0 \$1-\$25 \$26-\$50
b. Yes No: HasthePHA adopted any discretionary minimum renthardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below).
DHCDwillwaivetheminimumtenantpaymentforuptothreemonthsincasesof

DHCDwillwaivetheminimumtenantpaymentforuptothreemonthsincases of financialhardship including, but not limited to: jobloss, death of a family member, not at fault loss of benefits under state, local or federal assistance programs, or to avoid eviction. Further extensions of time may also be granted considering the circumstances of each particular family. The maximum extension period will be until the participant's next annual reexamination. With regard to the QHWRA requirement that no family paymore than 40% of their income toward rentat the time of new admission or when moving to a new unit, DHCD will grant a hardship waiver to any family that demonstrates zero (or other exceptionally low) income, in order that they not be denied access to the program due to the maximum tenant rent burden of 40% of income in all newly leased units.

5.OperationsandManagement

[24CFRPart903.79(e)]

 $\label{lem:examptions} Exemptions from Component 5: Highperforming and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)$

A.PHAManagementStructure

DescribethePHA'smanagementstructureandorganization.

(selectone)

AnorganizationchartshowingthePHA'smanagementstructure

AnorganizationchartshowingthePHA'smanagementstructureand organizationisattached. SeeAttachmentTwo
 AbriefdescriptionofthemanagementstructureandorganizationoftheF

AbriefdescriptionofthemanagementstructureandorganizationofthePHA follows:

TheDepartmentofHousingandCommunityDevelopmentisastateagency establishedbyChapter23BoftheMassachusettsGeneralLaws.DHCD's numerousprogramsaddresstheCommonwealth'sneedforaffordab le housing,aswellascommunityandneighborhooddevelopment.DHCD hasanannualbudgetofapproximately\$520million,madeupofboth stateandfederaloperating,capitalandtrustfunds.Thedepartmenthasa Director'sOffice,anOfficeofPolicyDevelopment,anOfficeof AdministrationandFinanceandanOfficeoftheChiefCounsel.All programsareadministeredoutofoneofthefollowingfouroperational divisions:MunicipalDevelopment,PublicHousingandRentalAssistance, NeighborhoodServices ,andPrivateHousing.

The Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, through its Bureau of Federal Rental Assistance Programs, over sees DHCD's administration of the Section 8 program.

B.HUDProgramsUnderPHAManagement

List Federal programs administered by the PHA, number of families served at the beginning of the upcoming fiscally ear, and expected turn over in each. (Use "NA" to indicate that the PHA does not operate any of the programs listed below.)

ProgramName	UnitsorFamilies	Expected
	ServedatYear	Turnover
	Beginning	
PublicHousing		
Section8Vouchers	17,460asofJune2002	Approximately7%
Section8Certificates		
Section8ModRehab	1,475	Approximately3%
SpecialPurposeSection	SeetableinSection2	Approximately7%
8Certificates/Vouchers	oftheExecutive	
(listindividually)	Summary	
PublicHousingDrug		
EliminationProgram		
(PHDEP)		

OtherFederal	SeeAttachmentNo.3.	Turnoverforall
Programs(list	(Manyofthesearenot	housingp rogramsis
individually)	housingprograms.)	expectedtobe
		approximately 7%.

C.ManagementandMaintenancePolicies

List the PHA's public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and hand books that contain the Agency's rules, standards, and policies that government enance and management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention or readication of pestinfestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Section 8 management.

- (1) Pub lic Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)
- $(2) Section 8 Management: \textbf{Section 8 Administrative Planand all attachments and referenced memoranda, guidelines and correspondence; SEMAP compliance documents and correspondence are supported by the property of the pro$

6. PHAGrievanceProcedures

[24CFRPart903.79(f)]

Exemptionsfromcomponent6:HighperformingPHAsarenotrequiredtocompletecomponent6. Section8 -OnlyPHAsareexemptfromsub -component6A.

B.Section8Tenant -BasedAssistance 1. Yes No:Hast hePHAestablishedinformalreviewproceduresforapplicants to the Section8tenant -basedassistanceprogramandinformal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section8tenant basedassistance programinad dition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?

Ifyes, list additions to federal requirements below:

Programparticipants(notapplicants)whoreceiveaterminationnotice areaffordedanextraappeal. They are able to file appeal of the regional contractor's determination to terminate to DHCD's legal of fice within 14

daysfromthedateoftheterminationnoticeissuedbytheregional contractor. 2. Which PHA offices hould applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informalreviewandinformalhearingprocesses?(selectallthatapply) PHAmainadministrativeoffice \boxtimes Other(listbelow)... **AppropriateDHCDregionalcontractorofficethatmadetheeligibility** determination. B.Section8TenantBasedAssistance.....HomeownershipProgram $1. \square Yes \square No:$ DoesthePHAplantoadministeraSection8Homeownership programpursuanttoSection8(y)oftheU.S.H.A.of1937,as implementedby24CFRpart982?(If"No",skiptocomponent 12;if"yes",describeeachprogramusingthetablebelow(copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHAiseligibletocompleteastreamlinedsubmissiondueto highperformerstatus. HighperformingPHAs mayskipto component12.) 2.ProgramDescriptio n: DHCDplanstoadministerahomeownershipprogramtargetedtoFSS participants who have worked for at least one year. We anticipate that our homeownershipprogramwillinitiallybelimitedtoafewregionsinthestatewith lowerhousing costs. DHCD has been and will continue to be actively engaged withthehomeownershipsubcommitteeconvenedbytheCitizensHousingand PlanningAssociation(CHAPA), which is made upofanarray of interested parties.SeeSection5oftheExecutiveSummarythatinclud esDHCD'sSection8 HomeownershipCapacityStatement. a.SizeofProgram ☐Yes ⊠No: WillthePHAlimitthenumberoffamiliesparticipatinginthe section8homeownershipoption?

If the answer to the question above was yes, which statement be stdescribes the

numberofparticipants ?(selectone)

25orfewerparticipants

26- 50participants

51to100participants

morethan100participants

b. PHA establishedeligibilitycriteria Yes No:WillthePHA'sprogramhaveeligibilitycriteriaforparticipationin itsSection8HomeownershipOptionprograminadditiontoHUD criteria? Ifyes,listcriteriabelow: Weanticipatethatwewilllimitthe programtoFSSparticipantswhohaveworkedforatleastone year.Oncewearereadytoproceed,wewillpubliclyannounce ourintendedcriteriaandamendourAdministrativePlan. 12. PHACommunityServiceandSelf -sufficiencyPrograms [24CFRPart903.79(1)]
ExemptionsfromComponent12:HighperformingandsmallPHAsarenotrequiredtocompletethis
component.Section8 -OnlyPHAsarenotrequiredtocompletesub -componentC.
${\bf A.PHACoordination with the Welfare (TANF) A gency}$
1.Cooperativeagreements: ☐ Yes Forthe2000unitWelfare -to-WorkJOBLinkprogram
If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? <u>DD/MM/YY:27/04/99</u>
□No:
2.Othercoordinationeffortsb etweenthePHAandTANFagency(selectallthat apply) ☐ Clientreferrals ☐ Informationsharingregardingmutualclients(forrentdeterminationsand otherwise) ☐ Coordinatetheprovisionofspecificsocialandself -sufficiencyservicesand programstoeligiblefamilies ☐ Jointlyadministerprograms DHCDisleadJOBLinkagency ☐ PartnertoadministeraHUDWelfare -to-Workvoucherprogram ☐ Jointadministrationo fotherdemonstrationprogram DHCDisleadMoving toWorkagency ☐ Other(describe) CoordinationofPropertyOwnerIncentiveProgramto enhanceleasingopportunitiesforvoucherholdersinTANF -agencyfamily shelters. B. Servicesandprogramsofferedtoresidentsandparticipants
(1)General
a.Self -SufficiencyPolicies

Which, if any of the following discretionary policies will the PHA employ to	1
enhancetheeconomicandsocialself -sufficiencyofassistedfamiliesing	the
followinga reas?(selectallthatapply)	
Publichousingrentdetermination policies	
Publichousingadmissionspolicies	
Section8admissionspolicies	
Preferenceinadmissiontosection8forcertainpublichousingfami	lies
Preferences for families working orengaging intraining or education	on
programsfornon -housingprogramsoperatedorcoordinatedbyth	ne
PHA	
Preference/eligibilityforpublichousinghomeowners hipoptio	n
participation	
Preference/eligibilityforsection8homeownershipoptionparticip	oation
Otherpolicies(listbelow)	
b.EconomicandSocialself -sufficiencyprograms	
Yes No: DoesthePHAcoordinate,promoteorprovideany	
programstoenhancetheeconomicandsocialself	-
sufficiencyofresidents?(If"yes",completethefollow	ving
table;if"no"skiptosub -component2,FamilySelf	,
SufficiencyPrograms.Thepositionofthe tablem	aybe
alteredtofacilitateitsuse.)	

ServicesandPrograms				
ProgramName&Description (includinglocation,ifappropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (developmentoffice/ PHAmainoffice/ otherprovidername)	Eligibility (publichousingor section8 participantsor both)
JOBLinkCasemanagement byProgramCoodinators	2200	Nowthatthe programisfully leased, vacant JOBLink vouchersare filled with targeted referrals from local DTA and other related offices	EachDHCDregional contractor	Section8
MovingtoWorkDemonstration ProgramCasemanagement byMTWAdvisory	183	Targeted referralsfrom localDTAand Employment TrainingOffices	RuralHousing Improvement,Inc.for theSouthern WorcesterCounty component(122	Section8

	inSouthern Worcester Countyand fromTransition toWork Collaborativein Boston.	units)and MetropolitanBoston HousingPartnerhship (61units)forthe Bostoncomponent.		
(2)FamilySelfSufficiencypr	ogram/s			
a.ParticipationDescription				
Program Fam	nilySelfSufficiency(FSS)Participa RequiredNumberofParticipants (startofFY2000Estimate)	ActualNumberofParticipants (Asof:DD/MM/YY)		
PublicHousing	(Starton 12000Estimate)	(11501.22/1414)		
Section8	464minimumsizerequiredas of12/31/01;679approvedper DHCDrequest	674asof12/31/01		
welfareprogramrequiremer Adoptingappropriated policiesandtrainstaffto Informingresidentsofn Activelynotifyingresidentsofn	estatutoryrequirementsofsecti gtothetreatmentofincomechan nts)by:(selectallthatapply) hangestothePHA'spublichous	ngesresultingfrom Singrentdetermination Kamination		
agenciesregardingthee	gacooperativeagreementwith exchangeofinformationandcoof forexchangeofinformationwit	ordinationofservices		
D.Re servedforCommunityServiceRequirementpursuanttosection12(c)of theU.S.HousingActof1937				
	EV2000 A musalDlamDaga 25			

[24CFRPart903.79(p)] 1. Yes No:IsthePHArequiredtohaveanauditconductedundersection 5(h)(2)oftheU.S.HousingActof1937(42US.C.1437c(h))? (Ifno,skiptocomponent17.) 2. Yes No:WasthemostrecentfiscalauditsubmittedtoHUD? 3.Yes No:Werethereanyfindingsastheresultofthataudit? 4. Yes No: Iftherewereanyfindings,doanyremainunresolved? Ifyes,howmanyunresolvedfindingsremain? 5. Yes No: Haveresponsestoanyunresolvedfindingsbeensubmittedto

Ifnot, when are they due (state below)?

HUD?

16.FiscalAudit

18.OtherInformation

[24CFRPart903.79(r)]

I.DHCD'SPARTICIPANTADVISORYBOARD(PAB)

DHCDconveneditsParticipantAdvisoryBoard(PA B)onSaturday,March23,2002, inAuburn,MA.Forty -threeparticipantsprovidedfeedbackontheHCVPprogram, generally,andtheFamilySelf -SufficiencyandJOBLinkWelfaretoWorkPrograms, specifically,duringthisday -longmeeting.Theparticipantscamefromacrossthestate. Theymetinsmallstructuredgroupdiscussions,overlunch,andinlargeforumsto sharecommentsandrecommendationsaspartofDHCD'sannualPHAPlanprocess. AlistofparticipantsisincludedasAttachmentNo.4.

FamilySelf SufficiencyProgram

Participantscitedtheimportanceofthesupportandinformationavailable throughtheprogramsothattheycouldachievetheirgoalsandbuildtheirescrow account. **Asoneparticipantputit,"themoreyousucceed,themoreyoubelieve youcansucceed."** Thefollowingarerecommendationsandcommentsmadebythe group:

1.SmallerFSSstaffcaseloads(requestedinspiteofincreasedHUDfunding).

Recognizing the importance of FSS staff, the tenants expressed a desire for more FSS staff so that staff case loads could belower.

${\bf 2.} More FSS and voucher program in formation made available in different formats$

Thetenantsliketoreceiveprograminformationonavarietyofsubjectmattersifitis presentedinanaccessiblemanner. Theyrequestedmore FSS -relatedinformation, especially regarding available resources, as well as general voucher program information. They requested that both FSS and other agency staffs pendmore time communicating with them via meetings, new sletters, and on -line, and even after they successfully complete their FSS Contract.

3. More educational opportunities

Greatered ucational opportunities to enhance their opportunities in the work place.

4.Fundofmoneyforeducationoremergencies

Accesstoafundofmoneythatcouldbeusedforemergenciesoreducationexpenses.

5.Lackofcoordinationbetweenlocalandstateagenciesnoted

Betterunderstandingofwhereresourcescomefromandhowtherequirementsfor variousworkforceandchildcareprogramsareestab lished.

6. More frequent interaction with each other and RAA staff

More frequent interaction with each other and with RAA/DHCD staff. Many of the tenants as ked DHCD to create a list of phonen umbers of PAB participants who want to be a superficient of the property of th

to stay into uch with each other during the year. DHCD distributed this list on March 29,2002 to those PAB participants who asked to be placed on it.

${\bf 7. More precise under standing of how the escrow account works}$

Due to the importance of the escrowaccount as a motivator and a sare source for achieving future goals (notably homeownership), better understanding of how the escrowaccount worked.

JOBLink Welfare to Work Housing Voucher Program

JOBLinkparticipantsexpressedoverallsatisfactionwiththeprogram, and felt that things were now "easier" for them — they had more time, more money, fewer worries, and agreater feeling of security. Because it is an ewprogram, and they are new participants, they noted that the policies and procedures are not always as clear to the mast hey could be. Several expressed that the downside of the program is that they experience fear around jobloss (due to temporary work, lay offs, illness, and the dead lines for finding an ewjob). Suggestions from JOBLink participants included:

1. Createan escrowaccount for JOBL inkparticipants

Addinganescrowfeature(separatefromtheFSSescrow)

2.IncreaseinJOBLinkprogramsize

Increasing the programs ize (over the current 2200 vouchers)

3.Expandprogramtonon -TAFDClow -incomefamilies

Makingtheprog ramavailabletolow -incomeworkingfamilieswhohavenotbeenon TAFDC

4. Volunteer and community service work

Makingvolunteer/communityserviceworkcounttowardemployment/jobsearcheffort

5.Lower.IOBLinkcoordinatorcaseloads

LiketheFSSparticipants,morestaffing(lowercaseloads),increasedconnections with other participants, and funds available for emergencies and/or education.

PABRequesttoFocusonHomeownership

PABparticipantswereaskedtocommentonallotheraspectsofDHCD'sHCV duringtheafternoonsession. However, the vast majority of the participants used this time to ask numerous questions about DHCD's plans for implementing a homeownership program for FSS participants. Because publicity about HCVP homeownership opportunities occurs regularly in the media, the tenants are aware that their voucher can be used to pay a mortgage. However, the seme diastories do not provide any details about how avoucher homeownership program could work. Consequently, DHCD observed that the rearenumerous misconception sheld by tenants about how "easy" it should be to convert a "rental payment" voucher to a "mortgage payment" voucher. DHCD spent the entire afternoons ession answering questions and helping the group to understand that eligibility for any PHA's homeownership program will be contingent upon a number of factors, including income, length of time in the work force, and having a good credit rating.

DHCDResponses

Duringthecourseoftheday,DHCDandsubcontractoragencystaffadd ressed manyoftheparticipants'questionsandconcerns.Inordertoensurethatallprogram participantshaveasmuchaccurateinformationaspossible,DHCDwillwork internally,withotherstateagencies,andwithits'networkofregionaladministering agenciestoachievethefollowingprogramimprovementsinthecomingyear:

${\bf 1. Implementation of new ways to share information with FSS and JOBL ink participants, as well as other voucher program participants.}$

Increase the avenues and effectiveness for sharing self-sufficiency related information with all program participants through well -versed staff, increased written and, if possible, on -line materials (new sletter and resource links).

${\bf 2. Improved design of programmaterials and training staff to be more effective communicators$

Increaseparticipants'knowledgeofprogramrulesandhowcertainprogramfeatures (i.e.FSSescrowaccount,JOBLinkemploymentobligation)work.DHCDwill conveneasmallgroupofRAAstafftoreviewbriefingsessionmaterialsa ndobserve howbriefingsessionsareperformedateachDHCDRAAandmakerecommendations toallRAAsforwayscommunicationofprograminformationcanbemoreclearlyand simplypresented.

${\bf 3. Possible expansion of PAB tomore than just once a year}$

Increase opportunities for participants to come together incollegial and advisory roles.

4. Clearand concise information about the planned implementation of DHCD's voucherhomeownership program that will be targeted to FSS participants in order to avoid rai sing expectations

Createavoucherhomeownershipprogramandsupportsystemthatwillenable participantstoachieveandmaintainhomeownershipandthatishighlysensitivetothe needtocarefullyandclearlyinformprospectivetenantsofallprogramrequirements.

1. Yes No:DidthePHAreceiveanycommentsonthePHResidentAdvisoryBoard/s?	HAPlanfromthe
Ifyes,thecommentsare:(ifcommentswerereceived,thePHA AttachedatAttachment(Filename) Provided above:	MUST selectone)
3.InwhatmannerdidthePHAaddressthosecomments?(selection Consideredcomments,butdeterminedthatnochanges necesary. ChangestotheannualPHAPlanarenotp Response"toPABcommentsonpageXXXX.	tothePHAPlanwere

	ThePHAchangedportionsofthePHAPlaninresponsetocomments Listchangesbelow:					
Other:(Other:(listbelow)					
B.Desc	riptionofElectionprocessforResidentsonthePHABoard					
1. Y	es No: DoesthePHAmeettheexemptioncriteriaprovidedsection 2(b)(2)oftheU.S.HousingActof1937?(Ifno,continueto question2;ifyes,skiptosub -componentC.)					
2. Y	es No: WastheresidentwhoservesonthePHABoardelectedbythe residents?(Ifyes,continuetoquestion3;ifno,skiptosub - componentC.) NotApplicable					
3.Descr	riptionofRe sidentElectionProcess NotApplicable					
	$\textbf{C.StatementofConsistency with the Consolidated Plan} \\ For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as a second plane). \\$					
1.ConsolidatedPlanjurisdiction:(providenamehere) Massachusetts Commonwealthof						
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHAP lanwith the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)						
 ☑ ThePHAhasbaseditsstatementofneed soffamiliesinthejurisdictiononthe needsexpressedintheConsolidatedPlan/s. ☑ ThePHAhasparticipatedinanyconsultationprocessorganizedandofferedby theConsolidatedPlanagencyinthedevelopmentoftheConsolidatedPlan. ☑ ThePHAhasconsultedwiththeConsolidatedPlanagencyduringthe 						
	developmentofthisPHAPlan. ActivitiestobeundertakenbythePHAinthecomingyearareconsistentwith theinitiativescontainedintheConsolidated Plan.(listbelow)					
	Other:(listbelow)					
4. The Consolidated Planof the jurisdiction supports the PHAP lanwith the following actions and commitments: (describe below)						

The housing priorities of DHCD's FY 2000 Consolidated Plan support DHCD's

PHAPlanasfollows:

1. Consolidated Plan Priority: <u>Maintain a system of publichousing and rental assistance that serves the homeless and those a trisk of homelessness.</u>

By continuing to maintain HUD's former federal preferences, one of which includes providing preference to homeless households, DHCD's Section 8 tenants election policies demonstrate commitment to and consistency with this priority. Additionally, the 1998 federal statute that requires at least 75% of all new admissions to the HCVP to have incomes a torbelow 30% of the area median serves to target those most a trisk of homelessness.

- $2. Consolidated Plan Priority: \underline{Promotehomeless prevention.} \\ By continuing to maintain HUD's former federal preferences, one of which includes providing a preference to households paying more than 50% of their adjusted income, DHCD's Section 8 tenant selection policies demonstrate commitment to and consistency with this priority. Additionally, the 1998 federal statute that requires at least 75% of all new admissions to the HCVP to have incomes a torbelow 30% of the area median serves to target those most a trisk of homelessness.$
- 3. Consolidated Plan Priority: Maintain a system of public housing and rental assistance that serves the elder | yand people with disabilities.

 In addition to several other state | -funded efforts targeted to elderly and disabled populations, by successfully applying for all Section 8 (and McKinney) set a side stargeted to this population and voluntarily contributing additional vouchers from its own resources... see table of all DHCD special needs voucher programs, DHCD's willingness and a bility to under take an array of special needs Section 8 programs demonstrates commitment to and consistency with this priority.
- 4. ConsolidatedPlanPriority: <u>Provideaffordablehomeownership</u> <u>opportunities.</u>

BypreparingtolaunchaSection8homeownershipprogram, nowthatastatewidemortgageproductthroughCitizensBankof Massachusettshasbecomeavailable,DHCDdemonstratescommitmentto andconsistencywiththispriority.

5.ConsolidatedPlanPriority: <u>Developandimplementbothhuman</u>
serviceandeconomicdevelopmentactivitiesdesignedtoassist
economicallydisadvantagedpersonsbecomemoreself -sufficient,paying
particularattentiontotheneedsofcurrentandformerTAFDCclients
makingthetransitionfromwelfare -to-work.

Bysuccessfullycompetingforthemaximum2000Section8W2W vouchersawardedbyHUDinNovember1999andexceedingleasing expectationsto2200W2WparticipantsbyJune30,2001,byvoluntarily electingtocontinuetheadministrationoftheFamilySelfSufficiency Program(nolongerrequiredbyHUDfornewincrementsoffunding)and byadministeringthedemonstrationMovingtoWorkProgram,DHCD's willingnessandabilitytoundertakeanarrayofrentalassistance initiativesdesignedtoassisthouseholdsbecomemoreselfsufficientasthey makethetransitiontoworkdemonstratescommitmenttoandconsistency withthispriority.

6.ConsolidatedPlanPriority: ContinueDHCD'sextensiveefforts,using stateandfederalresources,topreservethephysicalandfinancialviability of assisted and unassisted affordable housing.

AllunitsthatDHCDleasesonitsSection8programmustcomplywith bothHUD's housingqualitystandardsandDHCD'senhancedhousing qualitystandardsandberentreasonable.Inthisregard,DHCD'sentire Section8portfolio,consistingof19,898units(1,475ofwhichareSection 8ModerateRehabilitationunits,and917ofwhicharevoluntary allocationsofvouchersforspecialneedsprogramssupportedwith availablebudgetauthority),demonstratescommitmenttoandconsistency withthispriority.

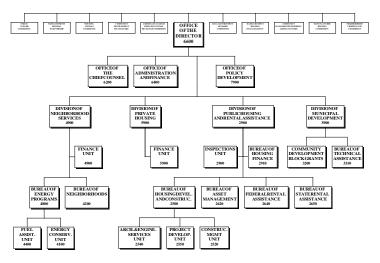
D.OtherInformationRequiredbyHUD

Usethissectiontoprovideanyadditional informationrequestedbyHUD.

Attachments

UsethissectiontoprovideanyadditionalattachmentsreferencedinthePlans.					

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENTOFHOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



OCTOBER2001

DHCDSECTION8CONTRACTORSANDREGIONALALLOCATIONSASOF1/1/2002

TOTALVOUCHERPORTFOLIOASSIGNEDTOSPECIFICREGIONS: 16.999

(Bothfairshareandseveralspecialneedsallocationsare aretherefore *not*included inthe16,999total.)

notassignedtoaparticularregionand

AGENCY REGION

BerkshireHousingDevelopmentCorporation BerkshireCounty

BHSI585Vouchers 74NorthStreet Pittsfield.MA0120140JOBLinkVouchers

(413)499 -1630 Total: 625

CommunityTeamwork,Inc.NorthernEssex/Northern **CTI** MiddlesexCounties 167Dutton Street Lowell, MA018521, 1550 Vouchers (978)459 -0551 260JOBLinkVouchers

Total:1,810

HousingAssistanceCorporationBarnstable,Dukes, 460WestMainStreet **HAC** NantucketCounties Hyannis, MA02601849 Vouchers (781)771 -5400 40 JOBLink Vouchers

Total:889

HAP, Inc. (1) Springfield; and **HAP** 322MainStreet Springfield, MA01105 Franklin Counties (413)781 -1250 2.632 Vouchers 400JOBLink

Total:3,032

(2) Hampden/Hampshire/

ton;and

MetropolitanBostonHousingPartnership(1)Bos 569ColumbusAvenue **MBHP**(2)MetroBoston Boston, MA021184, 945 Vouchers (617)859 -0400 620 JOBLink

Total:5,565

RuralHousingImprovement,Inc. (1)NorthernWorcester;and

218CentralStreet RHI (2)SouthernWorcesterCounty P.O.Box4291.973Vouchers

Winchendon, MA01475260 JOBLink

(978)297 -5300 Total:2,233

South Middles ex Opportunity Council Metro WestSMOC796Vouchers 300HowardStreet

Framingham, MA01702 40JOBLink

(508)620 -5300 Total:836

SouthShoreHousingDevelopmentCorporationPlymouthandBristolCounties

SSHDC 1.669 Vouchers 169SummerStreet

Kingston, MA02364340JOBLink

(781)585-5885 Total:2,009

LynnHousingAuthority CityofLynn

174CommonsStreetNoFixedAllocationÖPerExecutive -6296Order218

Lynn,MA01905(781)592

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Appropriation	Name			Total
3722-0705	EmergencyShelterGrants	3		126,507.00
3722-0707	SupportiveHousing			1,076,916.00
7004-0007	ScatteredSiteTransitionH	ousingApar	tments	110,712.00
7004-0111	TenantBasedRentalAssis			235,000.00
7004-0300	LeadBasedPaintHazardo	usProgram		1,000,000.00
7004-2030	Weatherization			4,496,131.00
7004-2033	FuelAssistance			75,899,089.00
7004-2034	CSBG			17,258,771.00
7004-2035	CSBGTraining&Technica	lAssistance		65,300.00
7004-2361	Sec.8Sub.RehabAdmin.A	Acct.		430,356.79
7004-2363	Sec.8VoucherAdmin.Acc	t.		4,824,363.87
7004-2364	Sec.8Mod.Rehab.Admin.	Acct.		313,226.33
7004-3037	SmallCitiesBlockGrant			61,529,849.00
7004-3039	SmallCitiesBlockGrantAc	lmin.		2,500,000.00
7004-9009	Sec.8Subs.Rehab.Program			5,166,852.00
7004-9011	SupportiveHousingDemonstrationProgram			428,445.00
7004-9014	Sec.8VoucherProgram			133,339,495.00
7004-9019	Sec.8ModerateRehab.Program			12,059,561.00
7004-9020	Sec.8NewConst.Admin.Acct.			3,367,773.00
7004-9028	HOME			17,814,250.00
7004-9029	HOME-Admin.			1,300,000.00
7004-9039	HomeTech.Assistance			96,053.99
7004-9051	ShelterPlusCare-Lowell			66,552.10
7004-9052	ShelterPlusCare-Boston			943,000.00
7004-9053	ShelterPlusCare-Southbridge			120,000.00
7004-9054	ShelterPlusCare-NewBedford			46,000.00
7004-9404	McKinneyShelterPlus			984,160.11
Total				\$ 345,598,364.19